

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ABINGDON DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL MINUTES – JURY TRIAL
Day 14**

Case No.: 1:17CR27

Date: 12/21/2024

Defendant: Joel Smithers, Custody

**Counsel: Beau Brindley, Retained
Edward McDavid, Retained
Michael Thompson, Retained**

PRESENT: JUDGE: James P. Jones
Deputy Clerk: Felicia Clark
Court Reporter: Cynthia Bragg, OCR
U. S. Attorney: Randy Ramseyer, Corey Hall, & Suzanne Kerney-Quillen
USPO: Not Present
Case Agent: Patrick Long

Time In Court: 1:36 p.m. – 1:43 p.m.
3:38 p.m. – 4:17 p.m.

TOTAL TIME IN COURT: 46 minutes

PROCEEDINGS:

- ☒ Jury returns at 3:38 p.m.
- ☒ Jury Verdict: Guilty and Not Guilty as noted on the verdict form.
 - ☒ Jury polled.
 - ☒ Jury discharged.
- ☒ Sentencing set for March 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- ☒ Defendant remanded to custody.

Additional Information:

1:36 p.m. - Jury Trial - Day 14 held. All parties were present and ready to proceed. Jury deliberations continued. Court discussed trial schedule with counsel. Jurors were brought into the courtroom. Court recessed at 1:43 p.m. Court resumed with a verdict at 3:38 p.m. Verdict as noted on the record. Jury dismissed. Defense oral motion for 30 day extension for the filing of post-trial motions. Court granted. Court directed the court reporter to prepare and file on the

docket the transcript of the defendant's testimony. Court adjourned at 4:17 p.m. Defendant was remanded to custody.